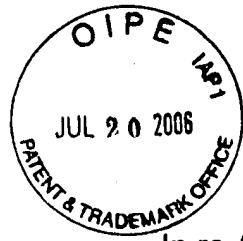


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Docket No. K20606 US (C038435/0173527)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )

Hans-Peter HOHMANN *et al.* ) Examiner: Chih Min Kam

Serial No.: 10/681,086 ) Art Unit: 1656

Filed: October 8, 2003 )

For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A  
TARGET FERMENTATION  
PRODUCT** )

New York, New York  
July 17, 2006

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING  
AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 17, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before July 17, 2006. 37 CFR §§ 1.8 and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. 37 CFR § 1.17. Please charge any required fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Application No.: 10/681,086  
Amendment Dated: July 17, 2006  
Reply to Office Action of: March 17, 2006

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification:** begin on page 3.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 5 of this Response, and contain a complete listing of the claims as required.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** None.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this Response.